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Re: Application 10/042,975

Dear Commissioner for Patents:

Enclosed I am submitting a Substitute Declaration for the above-referenced utility patent application. The reasons for this substitution are given below.

Upon reviewing my patent files, I noticed that my filing receipt for the application did not show the PCT priority data that I was sure I submitted with my original declaration. I then called the USPTO Office of Initial Examination and found that my original declaration did reference the PCT priority data, but that I had left out two numbers that help identify my PCT application, evidently the "00" that precedes the full PCT application number. Because of this typo, the USPTO system did not catch the data.

My specification for US application 10/042,975, in the Cross-References section, also noted the PCT application, but also left out the preceding "00." The language from the specification is:

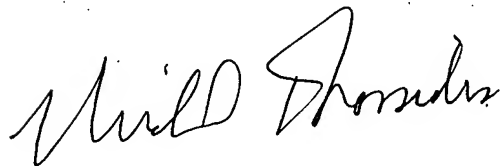
"This application is a continuation in part of US application 09/536,727, filed on 3/28/2000. This application is preceded by PCT application US/18715, filed on 7/7/2000."

I called the Inventor's Assistance Center, and the Examiner there, Roy Enval, said I should submit a Substitute Declaration. Accordingly, I have sent the enclosed Declaration.

Please note that this Declaration form does not appear to have a space for stating that my application is a CIP. Your records already indicate that my application is a CIP, but I just wanted to make sure that this information stands.

In closing, I would appreciate it if your office would accept the enclosed Substitute Declaration, and send me a corrected filing receipt that reflects the PCT priority data.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Thorsen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "W".